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PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently mooted the idea of private public partnership in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the idea is likely to be given shape by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): The Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) has emphasized on public private partnership (PPP) in the development of agriculture. The areas in which the private sector could play an important role include horticulture development, development of agricultural marketing infrastructure, development of storage facilities, seed production and distribution, and provision of extension services.

The issue of PPP has been deliberated at various fora in the recent past and several areas in this regard have been focused, such as redefining Government intervention to make Indian agriculture demand driven, propagation of the success stories of the private sector in their initiatives to raise incomes of farmers and partnership with farmers, achieving higher levels of public investment in agriculture infrastructure, food safety, cold chain, research and development, and agricultural extension services.